Dr. S. John : (*a*) At present there is only one water-tap for four paywards and this is not so convenient as each having a separate tap.

(*b*) The electric current will not be available between 7 A. M. to 10 A. M. and during these three hours the motor of the pumping plant cannot be worked. During the rest of the day and night water from the well is pumped up into the over-head tank to the extent available in the well.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) 10 ft. and 200 ft. respectively.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) No. There will be about 4 ft. of water even during the hot months.

(*g*) Yes.

(*h*) Rs. 10,000 roughly.

(*i*) About two miles.

(*j*) Rs. 39,200.

(*k*) None at Muttom. But pipes got down for the Muttom Water Supply Scheme are available in the Water Works Stores at Nagercoil and they will be required for the Muttom Water Supply Scheme.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Answer to part (a) says "at present there is only one water tap for four paywards and this is not so convenient as each having a separate tap."

May I know whether all the four wards are fully occupied now ?

Dr. S. John : Yes, they are occupied.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : Then what is the meaning of this answer ? Does it not show that there are no taps for the other wards ?

Dr. S. John : Now there is only one tap. But another tap will be provided in the course of the next year. The wards are constructed only recently.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : How long is it since all the wards are managing with one tap ?

Dr. S. John : For the last few months. I cannot say the exact period.

T. B. Hospital, Nagercoil.

103. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of inpatients now occupying the general wards No. 1 to 4 ; and

(*b*) the number which could be hygienically accommodated in the 4 wards, and the reasons for the overcrowding, if any ?

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Dr. S. John : (*a*) 184 patients on 20-11-1121.

(*b*) The accommodation and cots provided are for 76 patients. But hoping that the new wards proposed would be ready for occupation shortly some of the new applicants are also given admission. Hence the overcrowding.

Dining hall in the T. B. Hospital.

104. ❋ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of inpatients who were expected to be accommodated in the existing dining hall, the number who now go to the dining hall for their meals on an average in the months of Meenam and Medom 1121 ; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the existing accommodation in the dining hall is far from satisfactory and inconvenient especially during the rainy season ?

Dr. S. John : (*a*) The dining hall is meant to accommodate such of the patients in the General Wards as are not bed-riden. The total accommodation in the General Wards is for 76 patients. Daily average number for Meenom is 132 and for Medom 141.

(*b*) The present accommodation is not sufficient and action is being taken to rectify this.

Paywards in the T. B. Hospital..

105. ❋ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether any of the paywards Nos. 5 and 6 are provided with any furniture ;

(b) how long is it since such payward construction was completed ; and

(c) what will be the total cost necessary to provide these wards with furniture ?

Dr. S. John : *(a)* Yes. All the four new paywards are provided with furniture.

(b) About one year.

(c) In view of the answer to part (a) this question does not arise.

Out-patients in the T. B. Hospital.

106. ❋ **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that since patients are not admitted in the general wards for want of the necessary equipments, T. B. patients in large numbers have begun to occupy in large

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